GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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FUNCTIONING OF IOA
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the study/review of the working of IOA conducted during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether the Government is satisfied with the functioning of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA);

(c) if not, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(d) whether the Government has any mechanism to monitor their functioning including utilisation of funds allocated to them;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the details of the activities undertaken by the sports federation/bodies recognised by the Government and the steps taken to improve their functioning?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (DR. M.S. GILL)

(a) to (c): The Government has been insisting on adoption of good governance practices by all National Sports Federations (NSFs) including Indian Olympic Association (IOA). These include fair, transparent and democratic elections of office bearers, representation of sportspersons on the elected body, financial accountability, etc. This matter was also discussed at a meeting with International Olympic Committee (IOC) officials in June, 2010 in Lausanne, Switzerland, in which IOA had committed to revise its own Constitution, in accordance with the Olympic Charter and the basic principle of good governance, for the organization of Olympic movement. IOC has informed that this process is being done in close coordination with them. The final draft of new constitution of IOA, is in its final stages of adoption.

The Government has re-iterated the guidelines on tenure limits, with a slight modification to align them with the norms followed by the International Olympic Committee (IOC). Some National Sports Federations contested the guidelines, but the Hon'ble Delhi High Court has refused to stay the government guidelines.

(d)to(f): With regard to financial accountability, all NSFs, including IOA are required to submit their annual statement of accounts, including utilization certificate for grants released by the Government. As per the General Financial Rules, fresh grants are released only on receipt of utilization certificates of previous grants as soon as they become due.

In addition to above, the Government has introduced a system, of grant of annual recognition to NSFs.Under this system all aspects of the functioning of a NSF are duly scrutinized before according recognition.